

**MINUTES
TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING**

May 22, 2012

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012. In attendance were First Selectman Stevenson and Selectmen Bayne, Campbell, Lundeen and Nielsen. Also in attendance was Administrative Officer Karl Kilduff.

First Selectman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP

Mr. Kilduff provided the Board with the framework for goal setting, explaining that the mission statement should help identify those issues which get in the way to accomplishing the organization's mission and those issues which will demonstrate that the mission has been successfully implemented. The first step for the Board was to reach consensus on a mission statement. The Board debated the audience for the mission statement and its purpose. Consensus was reached for a mission statement which read:

The Board of Selectmen is committed to providing transparent policy and tax spending leadership in determining service delivery, maintaining and improving out assets and infrastructure, and responding to new challenges that affect the quality of life for our residents and business owners. Further, the Board of Selectmen must balance community expectations with available funding to insure that a high quality of living is appropriate and sustainable.

The Board verified the critical issues and success indicators that were provided in advance of the meeting. These issues were put into the following categories:

Success Categories:

- Preservation/Added Value to Investments
- Safe & Healthy Environment
- Town as a Partner with the Community
- Economic Success of the Town
- Diverse & Equitable Community
- Predictable Leadership & Direction

Critical Categories:

- Resource Limitations
- Public Health & Safety
- Budgeting
- Determining Community Will
- Developmental Priorities

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The Board then discussed the development of goals which would respond to the issue categories. The preliminary goals identified by the Board were the following:

- Through prudent management and leadership, provide the most cost effective services possible.
- Deliver timely and effective delivery of public safety and health services.
- Preserve and enhance the quality of life that makes Darien a desirable hometown.
- Through transparency and effective communication, better inform and engage our community and its stakeholders.

Mr. Kilduff noted that he would compile the Board's discussions into a comprehensive document for further review as well as offer possible objectives and input for the Board's consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karl F. Kilduff
Administrative Officer